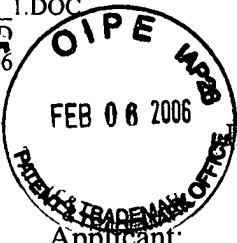


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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement dated December 1, 2005, the Claims of Group II (Claims 27-41), drawn to a method for detecting SCA2, are provisionally elected for prosecution. Applicant reserves the right to file a continuing application or take such other appropriate action as deemed necessary to protect the non-elected inventions. Applicant does not hereby abandon or waive any rights in the non-elected inventions.

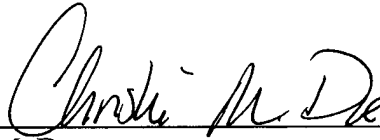
Applicant respectfully traverses the Restriction Requirement and requests that these two groups be combined. Applicant respectfully requests rejoinder of Groups I and II because a search and examination of the claims of Groups I and II can be made without serious burden on the Examiner.

An extension of time to respond to the Restriction Requirement is respectfully requested.
A Petition for an Extension of Time and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently.

Respectfully submitted,

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